



STATE OF MICHIGAN

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Clerk of the Court  
Michigan Supreme Court  
P.O. Box 30052  
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: ADM File No. 2005-42

Dear Clerk:

I wish to comment on the proposed amendments to MCR 3.932 as set forth in the above-referenced ADM file. My juvenile staff and I are opposed to abstracting any cases placed on the consent calendar. Doing so would remove an incentive for juvenile first offenders to accept consent calendar as an alternative to trial or pleading guilty. I believe the history of the rule would show that there was a time when consent calendar cases were abstracted. The rule was changed to its present form. I do not understand why there is this move back to the former practice. I also fail to understand why judges should treat traffic offenses differently than more serious offenses.

If the proposed amendments are adopted, I anticipate that we will see an increase in the number of cases that are taken to trial. This will place additional burdens on already crowded dockets. I strongly urge the Supreme Court to refrain from adopting these unnecessary amendments.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Skinner".

Michael F. Skinner  
Probate Judge

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